

river that caused the green grasses to grow in their beauty and all kinds of trees and flowers so that the desert blossomed like a garden of Lord.

It may be that he was recalling a scene upon which he had looked recently in the hill country of Galilee like this of which Dr. Arnot writes: "A hot summer day I was sailing with a friend in a tiny boat on a miniature lake enclosed like a cup within a circle of steep bare Scottish hills. On the shoulder of the brown sunburnt mountain and full in sight was a well with a crystal stream trickling over its lip and making its way down toward the lake. Around the well's mouth and along the course of the rivulet a belt of green stood in strong contrast with the surface of the rock all around. * * * There it was a legend clearly printed by the finger of God on the side of these silent hills teaching the passer-by how needful a good man is and how useful he may be in a desert world."

The words of his mouth, the manner of his life, the atmosphere of his presence and the influence of his character and conduct ought to be so cheering and refreshing and inspiring and transforming as to suggest to his neighbors the figure of an overflowing well of living waters in a dry and thirsty land.

Such is the life of many whose names are familiar and whose memory is fragrant.

Such in some measure is the life of every believer.

Every upspringing well is also an overflowing well and the overflow is always in proportion to the inflow and the inflow is just exactly what we want the overflow to be.

There is absolutely no limitations outside of ourselves at this point. This high honor God bestows upon all his people to make them each an overflowing well of blessed influence and Christlike ministries.

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
In living echoes of thy tone,
As thou hast sought so let me seek
Thy wandering children sad and lone.

Lord strengthen me, that while I stand
Firm on the rock and strong in thee,
I may reach out a helping hand
To wrestlers in the troubled sea.

Oh! fill me with thy fullness, Lord,
Until my very heart o'erflow
In kindling thought and glowing word,
Thy love to tell, thy praise to show.

PLEASURES WHICH A CHRISTIAN SHOULD FOREGO.

By a Reader.

"Meditate upon these things, give thyself wholly to them, that thy profiting may appear unto all."

1. Those as to the propriety of which he is in doubt.

2. Those in which he cannot indulge without danger that his example may lead others into sin.

3. Those in which, if he engage, he will grieve weak Christians, who disapprove them, and much more those which Christians universally condemn.

4. Those which have the taint of sin upon them.

5. Those which, if indulged in, would place him in a false position and seem to identify him in taste and life with a sinful world, from which he should separate.

6. Those which might gain a mastery over him and which would interfere with anything of more importance.

7. Those into which he cannot carry his religion without incongruity; on which he cannot ask God's blessing; in which he cannot show forth the shining graces of a Christian character, to the honor of God, and in which he cannot breathe the atmosphere of Christ's presence.

OUR CHILDREN IN HEAVEN.

By Mrs. T. Taylor Pettus.

The little ones God giveth us,
The fair, sweet flowers,
That bloom in beauty on our way,
Are always ours.

God gives forever what He gives,
His word is sure;
What He doth give today
He gives forevermore.

He gives—and takes our darlings back
To lead us on
And upward through the pearly gates,
Where they are gone.

Oh, mothers, in thy bitter grief,
Whoe'er thou art,
Does not the child before thee gone
Draw up thy heart

To that unclouded home above
Where all is rest?
And though its soft brown head no more
Leans on thy loving breast,

Can'st thou not calmly through thy tears
Look up and say:
"He who is wise and kind and good has called
My child away?"

He gave the stroke, His loving hand
Has filled thy cup,
And He will keep thy child for thee
'Till thou go up.

And mingling with the radiant throngs
That 'round Him shine,
Then shall thy child be thine again,
Forever thine!

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR 1916.

By Rev. Edward Payson Davis, D. D.

The minutes of the Assembly were issued promptly last year and are neatly printed; and, after an examination, we find at random, a number of errors. Doubtless, many of them could be explained, but the public does not know the explanation. They form a part of the history of the Church and should be accurate. It is not our purpose to try to fix responsibility, but to call attention to some of the inaccuracies that more time may be taken and more care exercised in issuing the Minutes in the future. Those who prepare them for the printer deserve commendation for issuing them so promptly. It is an arduous task and we are writing kindly about them.

1. In the Alphabetical List of Ministers and Licentiates, on page 312, we discover the following errors of reference:

(a) The names of Rev. J. N. H. Summerell and Rev. H. F. Morton are referred to the Presbytery of Albemarle as on page 219, when they should be on page 243.

(b) On page 230, the postoffice address of Rev. C. O'N. Martindale is given as Crowley, La., when in the Index it is Amite, La.

(c) The name of Rev. W. T. Spears, in Norfolk Presbytery does not appear in the list. His postoffice address should be Norfolk, Va.

(d) In the list, the postoffice address of Rev. W. U. Guerrant is printed as Browns-

town, Ind., but on page 243 it is Charleston, W. Va.

(e) The name of Rev. Henry Sluyter appears on the list and his postoffice is given as Anchorage, Ky., but it does not appear at all in the list of ministers of Louisville Presbytery on page 226.

(f) The name of Rev. J. F. Swallow occurs on page 204 as a member of North Alabama Presbytery, but in the list it is printed on page 202.

(g) The name of Dr. George H. Steen is recorded in the list on page 212 as a member of Arkansas Presbytery with Columbia, Tenn., as his postoffice, whereas on page 215, it is stated that he is a member of Washburn Presbytery, with Dardanelle, Ark., as his postoffice.

(h) In the list, the name of Dr. J. P. Robertson is published as a member of Ouchita Presbytery, on page 213, whereas his name is found on page 215, as a member of Washburn Presbytery with Morrillton, Ark., as his postoffice.

2. On page 292, the name of Ronceverte church is printed, but not its postoffice. It is marked as having a pastor, but no name is furnished.

On page 293 the names of Westminster, Pleasant Flats, Putney Memorial, Barbourville, Hamlin, Gilbert and other churches in the same Presbytery are given, but no postoffice addresses.

On page 252 of the Minutes the names of Littles and New London churches occur and on page 257 the names of Spring Hill, Locust Grove, Bromide, Oskechito, Rock Creek and other churches are printed, but no postoffices of them are given.

3. On page 334 of the General Index the Executive Committee of Publication and Sunday-school Work is referred to as if they were two separate committees, to-wit: "Executive Committee of Publication," and "Executive Committee of Sunday-schools," whereas they are both the same committee, page 133.

4. There is a difference in the published receipts for the cause of Assembly Home Missions as reported in the Minutes of the Assembly and by the Executive Committee of the Assembly in its separate report. On page 102 the Minutes report the aggregated receipts for this cause as \$176,381.45, and on page 37 of the Committee's Report it is stated that the total amount in the hands of the Treasurer for the year was \$314,645.05.

5. On page 80b the following sentence occurs: "These things combined demonstrate the wisdom of the action of the Assembly in declining to make these passages the basis for detailed legislation." The Assembly is not a legislative body. It cannot make laws. It can only declare laws. "The sole functions of the church as a kingdom and government distinct from the civil commonwealth, are to proclaim, to administer, and to enforce the law of Christ revealed in the Scriptures." Form of Government, paragraph 17.

6. The additions of the columns of figures are not always correct. Just one example: The First church, Meridian, Miss., is reported as having 594 resident members and 27 non-resident and the total is given as 623, when it should be 621. Even adding machines, however, sometimes make mistakes.

Greenville, S. C.

"If a man make even a mouse-trap better than anyone else, though he build his hut in the woods, the world will make a beaten track to his door."